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PREVIOUSLY IN THE SCORCHED

The SCORCHED team stumble into a battle they weren't supposed to win against a rogue Russian military force. Run by a man who just happens to have captured Plague Spawn!

A RURAL AREA IN **UKRAINE**, WHERE THE FEEBLE BODY OF THE MAN CALLED SOUL CRUSHER NOW MAKES HIS BASE.

FOR YEARS HE HAS TINKERED HERE, DEVELOPED WEAPONS ABLE TO DESTROY THE OTHERWORLDLY BEINGS ON OUR PLANET.

AND AS OF LATE, HE'S BEGUN DRAFTING YOUNG, ABANDONED AND VULNERABLE TEENAGE KIDS INTO HIS FIGHT.

YOU FAILED!

NO! **YOUR** PLAN FAILED! AND ODESSA GOT KILLED BECAUSE OF IT. WE NEED ANOTHER PATH IF WE'RE GOING TO WIN, SO WE SHOULD MAKE THEM THE OFFER.

THE OFFER? IT'S A TRAITOROUS ALLIANCE.

IT'S A WAY TO SURVIVE.

FIGHTING THESE MONSTERS IS MY LIFE'S WORK. YOU COME BACK EMPTY HANDED? NO PLAGUE--NO VIAL! NOTHING!

TOUCH ME AGAIN, I'LL BREAK YOUR HANDS!

SLAP

COWARD!



YOU'VE
KILLED ODESSA
AND NOW NATASHA
HAS PLAGUE'S
QUILLS IN HER
BODY!

DON'T YOU
GET IT? WE'RE ON THE
RUN BECAUSE YOU'RE LOSING
TOUCH OF HOW POWERFUL
THE ENEMY HAS BECOME,
OLD MAN!

"SPAWN HASN'T STOOD
IDLY BY DOING NOTHING,
HE'S RECRUITING, BUILDING
AN ARMY--DOING THE
THINGS YOU *USED TO DO*!

"EVERY NIGHT YOU TOLD US, YOU
TRAINED US, HOW TO PREPARE
AGAINST THE FORCES OF GOOD
AND EVIL. WELL, THEY'RE HERE!
ALL THOSE MONSTERS YOU TALKED
ABOUT, THEY'VE MOBILIZED. YOU
SAID YOU'D FREE US FROM THEIR
INFLUENCE. THAT WAS YOUR GOAL!

"THAT'S *STILL* OUR GOAL! IT'S
WHY WE LET YOU EXPERIMENT
ON US, BECAUSE WE STILL
WANT AN EARTH FREE OF
ANGELS AND DEMONS!"



LOCATION:
NEAR BELARUS.

WE
DRAW
NEAR.

MUSIC
TO MY
EARS.

WE ALL HAVE
A CLEAR MISSION;
TO EXTRACT **REAPER**,
AND LAY WASTE
TO EVERYTHING
ELSE.

THE SCORCHED, A NEWLY MINTED TEAM OF
OUTCASTS FROM DIFFERENT CENTURIES, RIP
ACROSS INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE IN A RAVEN
JET COMMANDEERED FROM THE BLACK FLAG
FORCES RECENTLY DEFEATED IN RUSSIA.

IF WE'RE
LUCKY, WE'LL
FIND CLUES ON HOW
TO RETURN YOU
GUYS TO YOUR
OWN TIME.

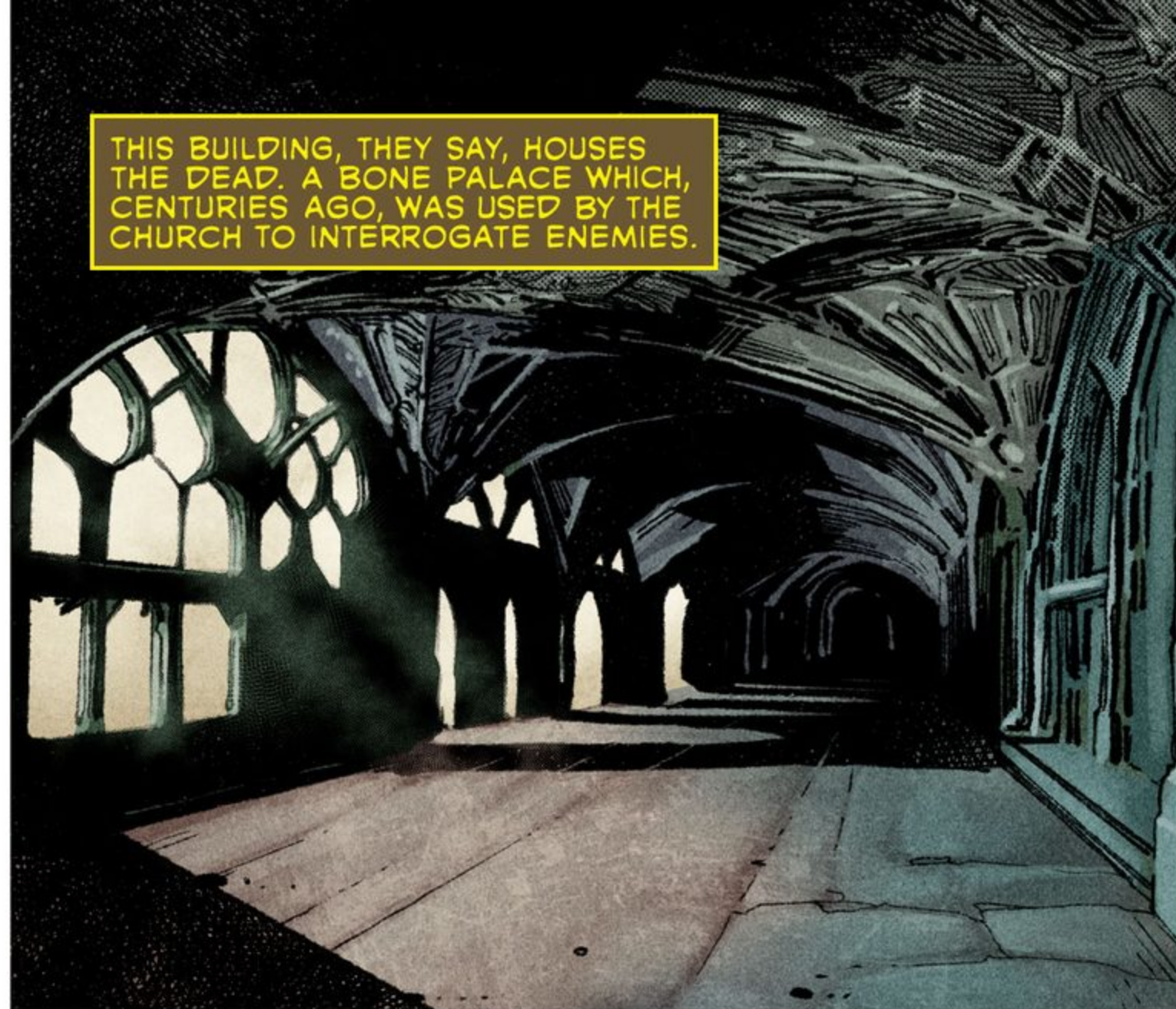
WE ARE
TO PUSH THIS
METAL BALL TO
LAND ON OUR
ENEMIES?

BELIEVE
ME, IT'LL DO
WAY MORE THAN
JUST LAND ON
THEM.

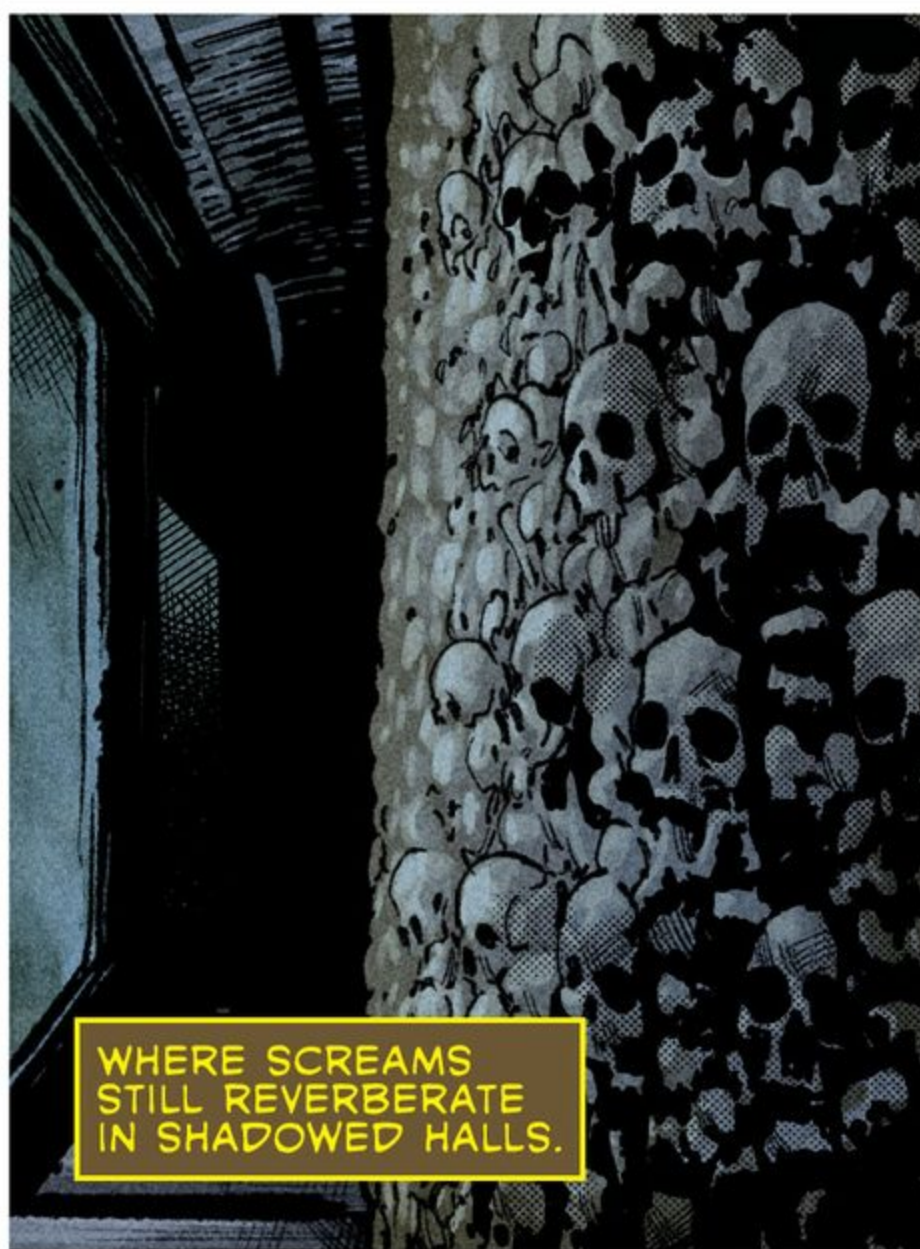
BUT MEDIEVAL PUSHES
TOO HARD. HE'S NOW
IN FREEFALL, TOO.

I'LL GET
HIM!

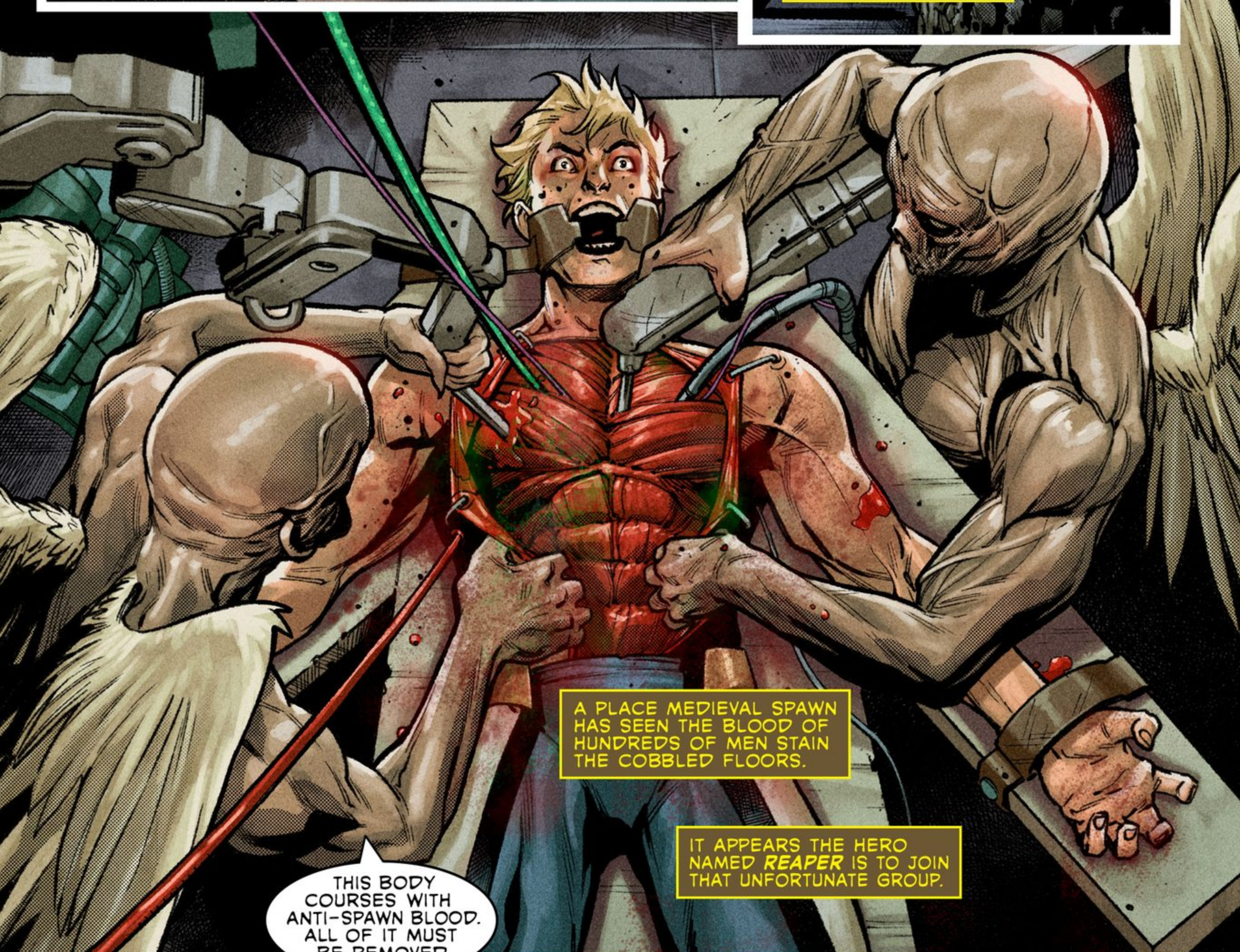
GIVE IT
A FEW SECONDS.
MIGHT TEACH HIM
A LESSON.



THIS BUILDING, THEY SAY, HOUSES THE DEAD. A BONE PALACE WHICH, CENTURIES AGO, WAS USED BY THE CHURCH TO INTERROGATE ENEMIES.



WHERE SCREAMS STILL REVERBERATE IN SHADOWED HALLS.

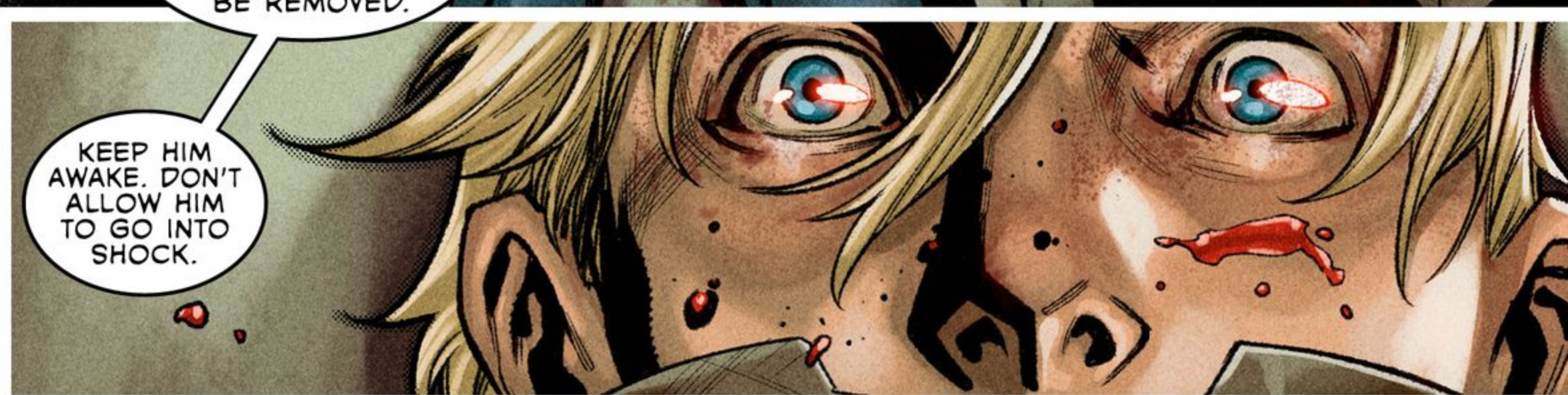


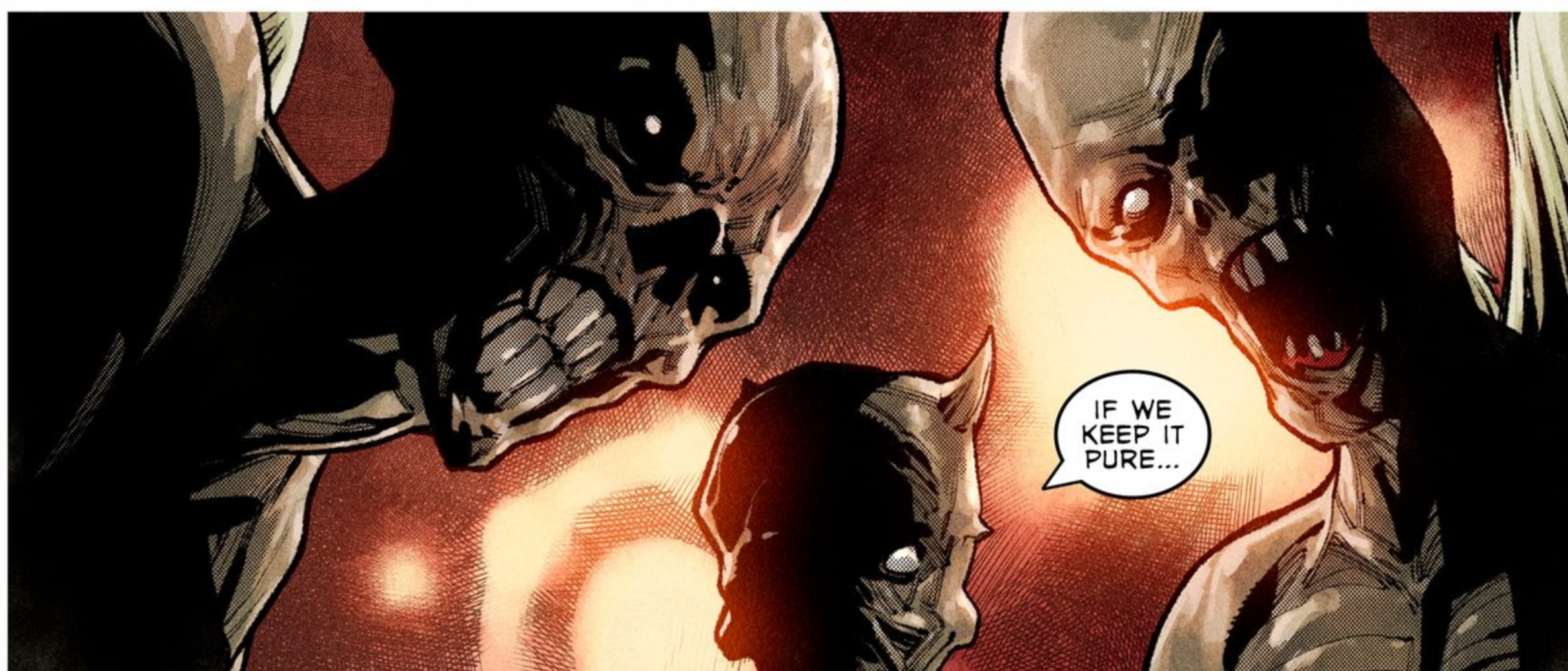
A PLACE MEDIEVAL SPAWN HAS SEEN THE BLOOD OF HUNDREDS OF MEN STAIN THE COBBLED FLOORS.

IT APPEARS THE HERO NAMED **REAPER** IS TO JOIN THAT UNFORTUNATE GROUP.

THIS BODY COURSES WITH ANTI-SPAWN BLOOD. ALL OF IT MUST BE REMOVED.

KEEP HIM AWAKE. DON'T ALLOW HIM TO GO INTO SHOCK.





WITH NO HOME TO RETURN TO BECAUSE OF THE LOCKED DEAD ZONES, THESE ANGELS ARE STARVING. NO GOD TO SUSTAIN THEM. THEY'VE LOST THEIR ONCE GLORIOUS BEAUTY.

REAPER'S HEART SUDDENLY STOPS.



AND WITH IT HIS MIND SPIRALS AWAY.



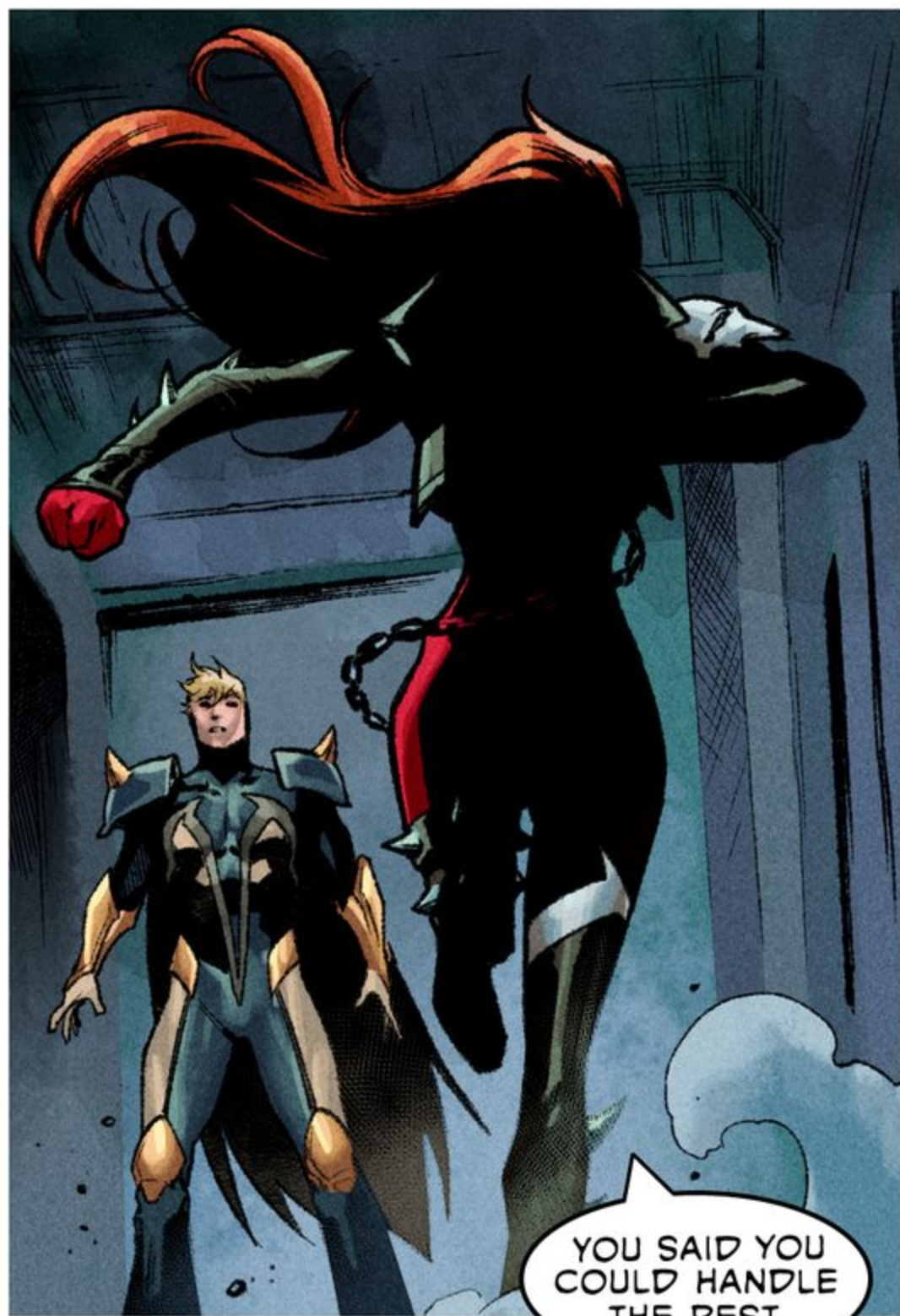
WHERE AM I?

IN JAPAN, OF COURSE.

ON A MISSION WITH ME, REMEMBER?*

WE FOUND WHAT WE NEEDED THEN SPAWN CALLED ME BACK.

*Back in Spawn #309 - Thomas



YOU SAID YOU COULD HANDLE THE REST.



WHY?

WHY DID YOU LIE, EDDIE?

HE SHOULD HAVE NOTICED, HE TELLS HIMSELF.

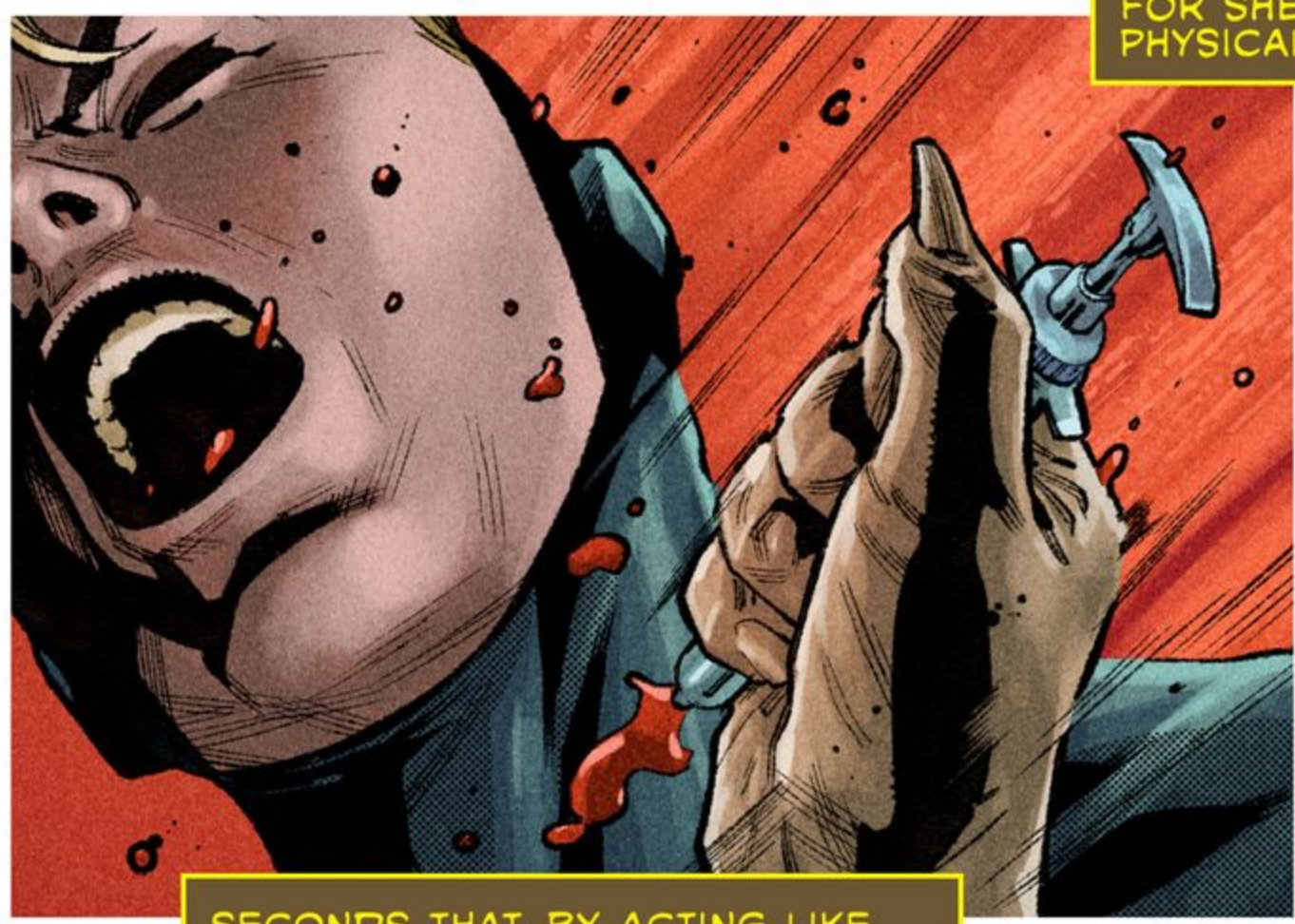


HE SHOULD HAVE HEARD IT.

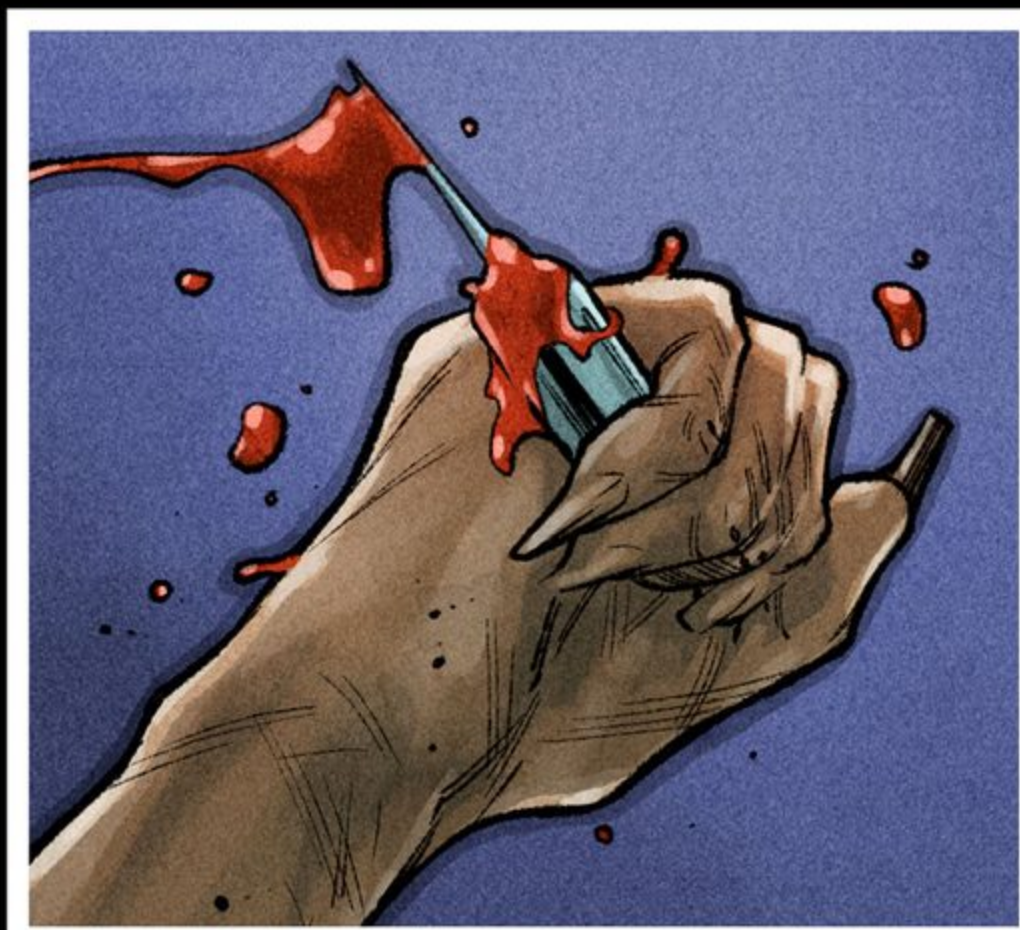


BUT HE ALLOWED HIMSELF TO GIVE IN TO HIS INSTINCTS.

IT WAS A FLEETING MOMENT OF ADMIRATION FOR SHE-SPAWN'S PHYSICAL BEAUTY.



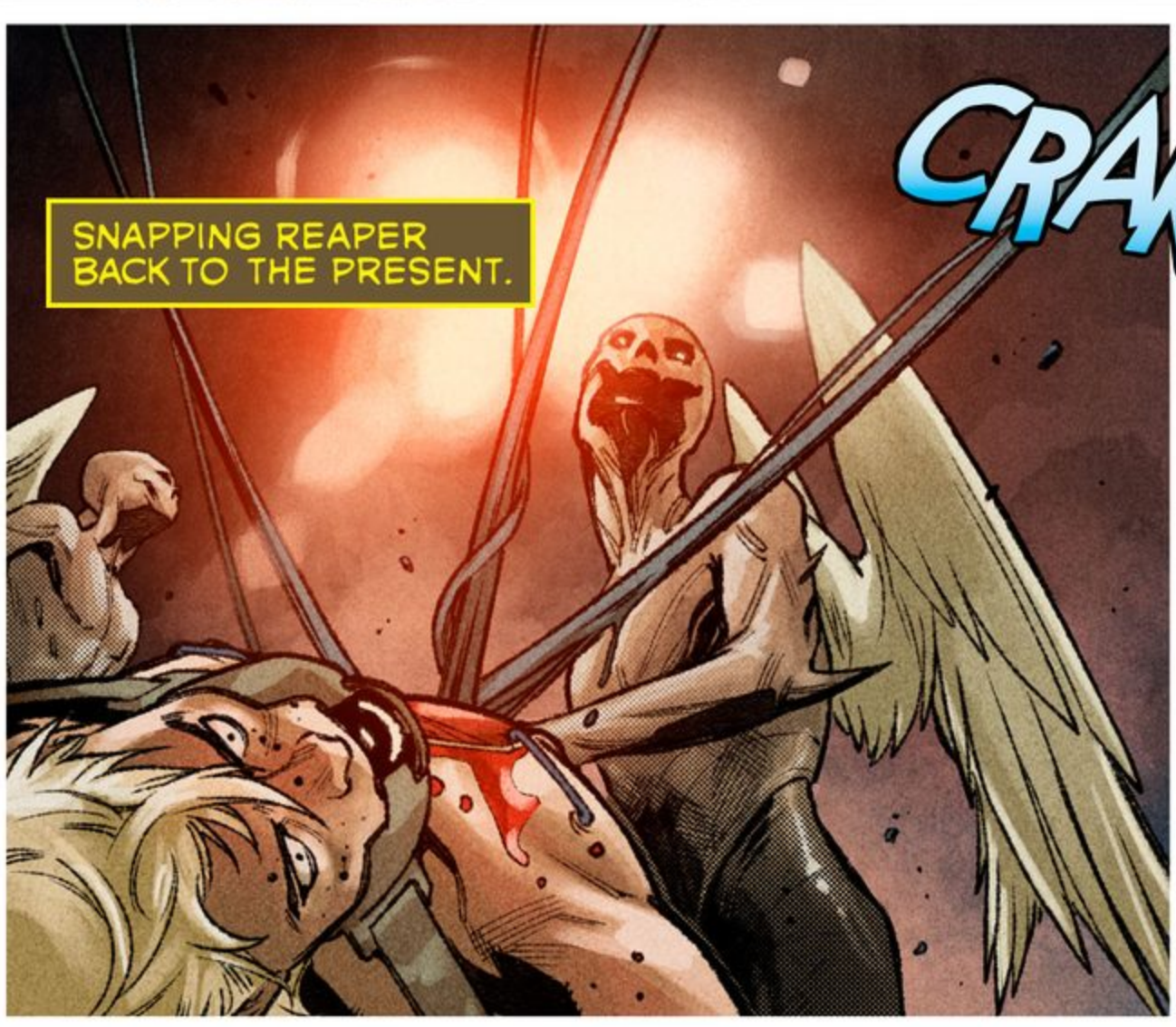
SECONDS THAT, BY ACTING LIKE A HUMAN, DISTRACTED HIM. MAKING HIM FORGET WHY THEY HAD COME TO JAPAN IN THE FIRST PLACE.



AND BECAUSE HE ACTED LIKE A NORMAL PERSON, HE'S NOW A PRISONER.



DEBRIS FALLS INTO
HIS EYE INSTEAD
OF A NEEDLE.



SNAPPING REAPER
BACK TO THE PRESENT.

CRAKK



THE ROOF SPLITS, THROUGH
IT COMES A HELLSPAWN
WHO KNOWS FIRSTHAND WHAT
THESE EXPERIMENTS MEAN.

YOU
CUT INTO MY
BODY CENTURIES
AGO. TELL GOD
HE'LL NOT TOUCH
ANOTHER
OF US!

DELIVERED BY THE HANDS OF
THOSE WHO VALUE LIFE AS
COMMODITY. WHO WON'T **GIVE**
A DAMN IF REAPER DIES ON
THE OPERATING TABLE OR NOT.



THE BOMB
OPENS ITS
DARK MAW.

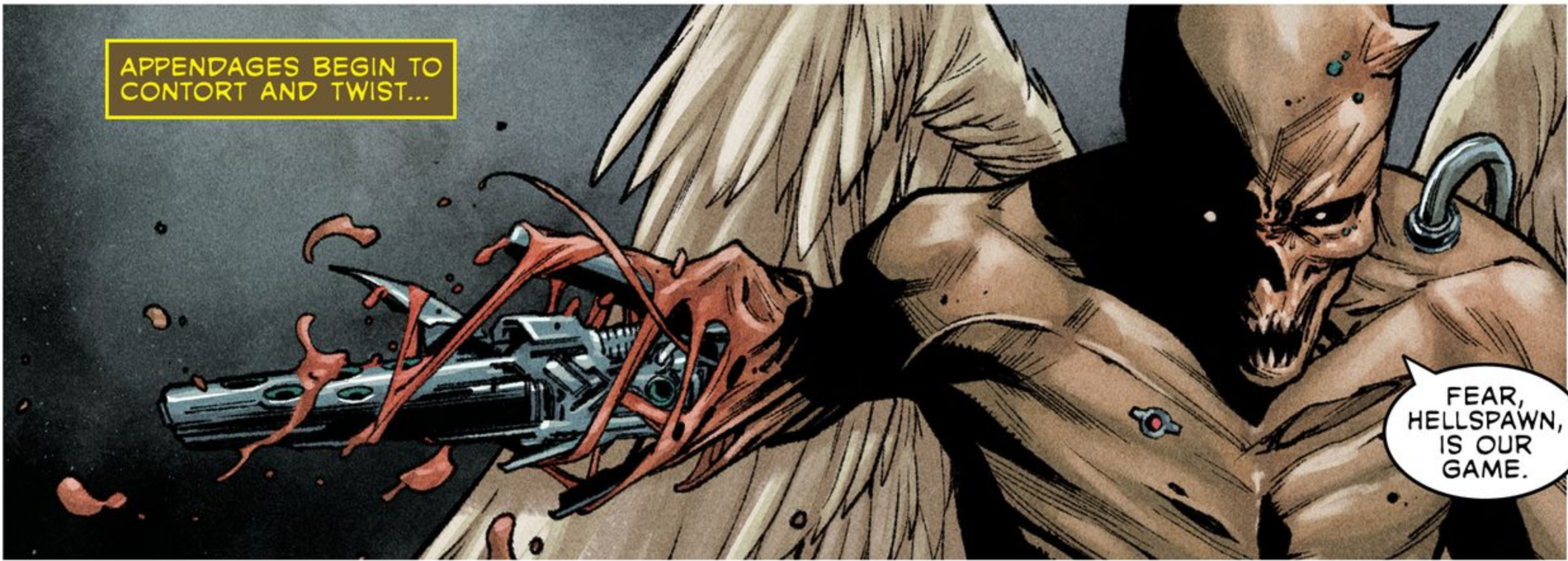


YOUR
WEAPON
HAS FAILED
YOU.



SSSS

NO. INSTEAD IT IS
ABOUT TO REVEAL
SOMETHING MUCH
WORSE THAN
AN EXPLOSION.



APPENDAGES BEGIN TO
CONTORT AND TWIST...

FEAR,
HELLSPAWN,
IS OUR
GAME.



...INTO MORE
PRACTICAL
USES FOR
THE ZOMBIE
ANGELS.

BRAK

BRAK

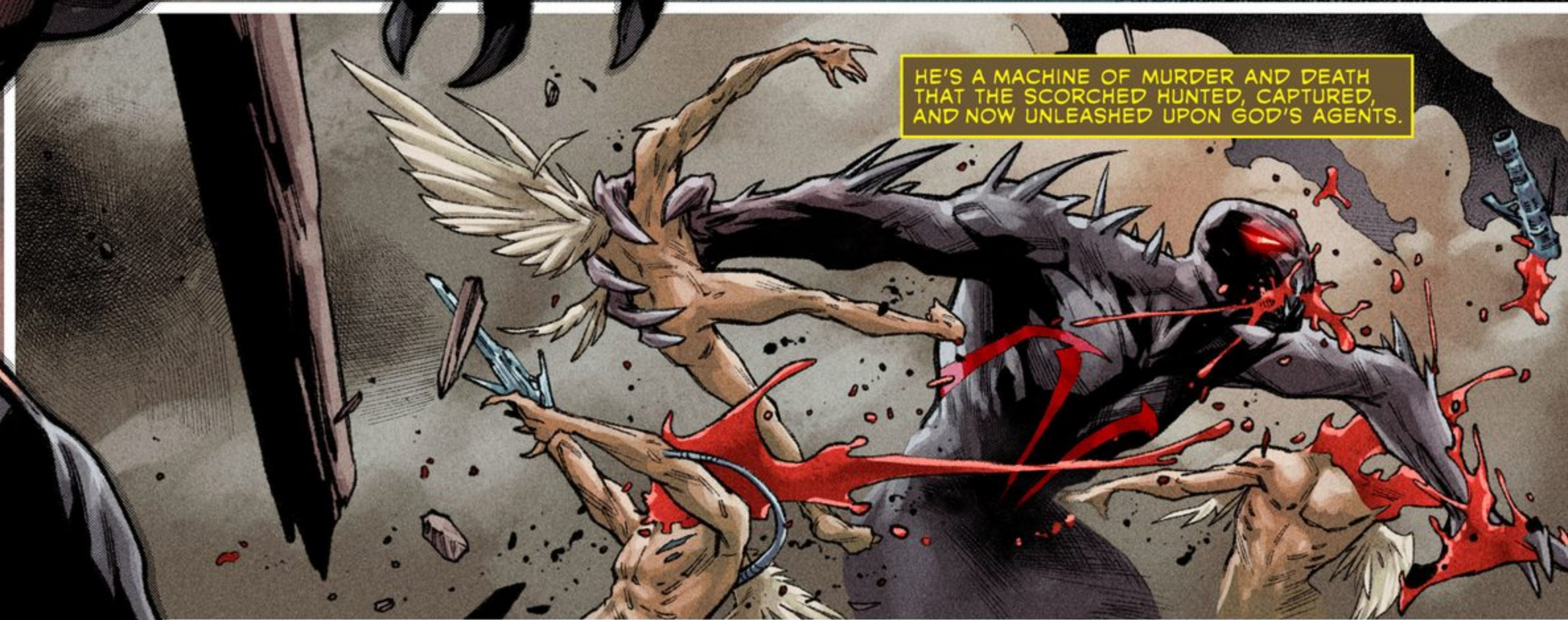
BRAK



A PLAGUE!

THE REAL REASON WHY THE HEROES WENT TO RUSSIA.

THAT FIREPOWER, THOUGH, IS WOEFULLY USELESS AGAINST THE MONSTER THAT CATAPULTS FROM THE DARKNESS.



HE'S A MACHINE OF MURDER AND DEATH THAT THE SCORCHED HUNTED, CAPTURED, AND NOW UNLEASHED UPON GOD'S AGENTS.



IT HAS NO LOGIC. NO REASON. JUST...

DEVASTATION!



YOU WON'T GET YOUR LEADER BACK. WE'LL NEVER LET REAPER COMMAND YOUR KIND!

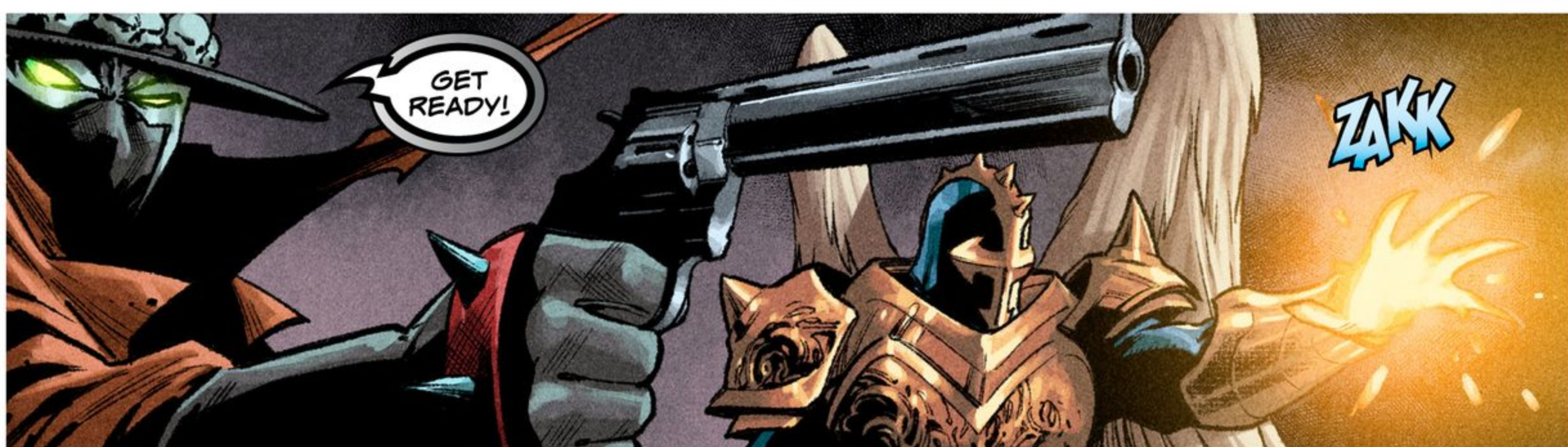
HE'S GROWING INTO SOMETHING MONSTROUS BUT HIS BLOOD CAN OPEN THE 'DEAD ZONES'!



YOU HAVE BEEN BETRAYED!



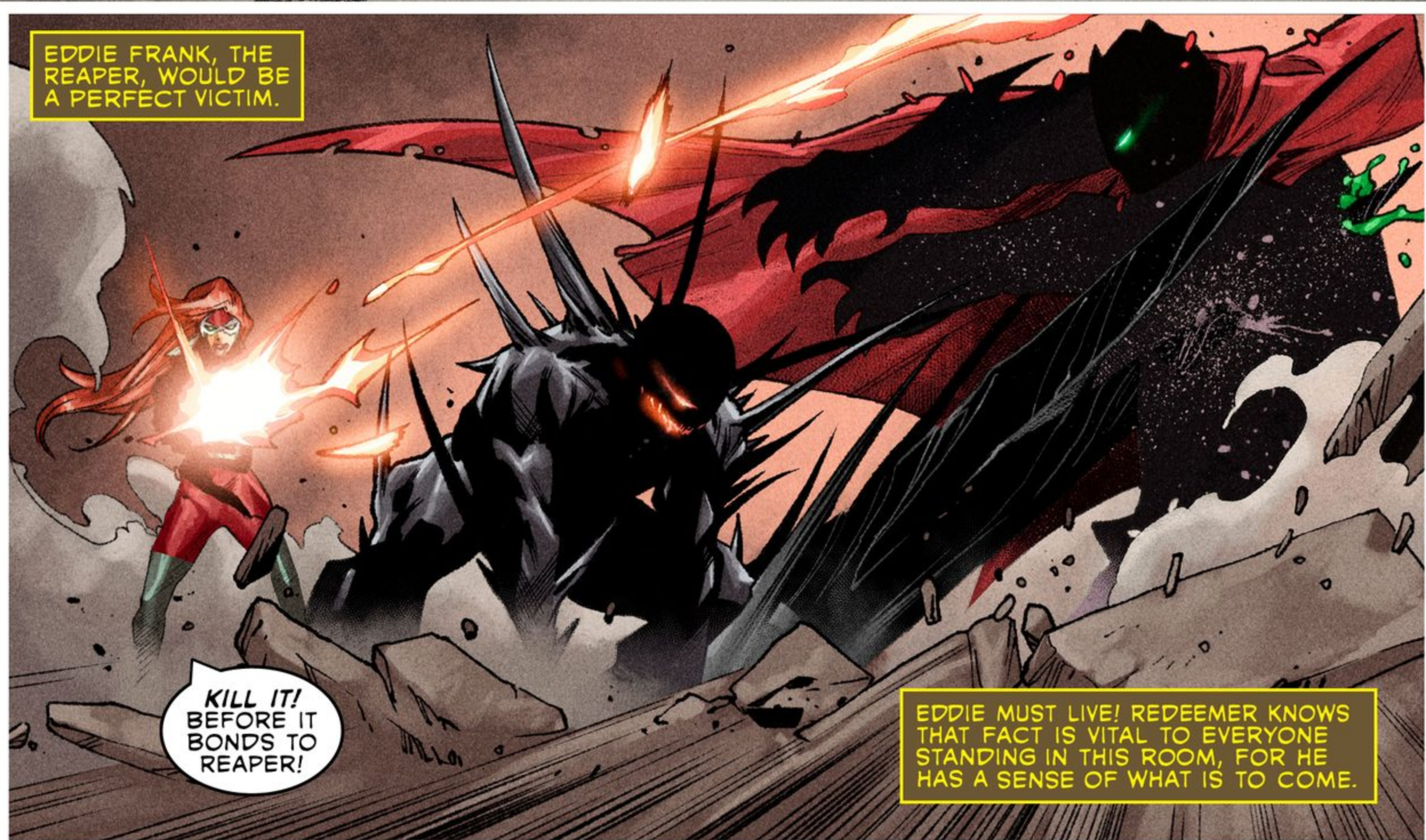
BOOM





LIKE ALL DISEASE,
PLAGUE NEEDS A
BODY TO SPREAD
ITS SICKNESS.

A BODY TO BUILD
OFF OF. A BODY TO
KILL WHILE MAKING
ITSELF STRONGER.



EDDIE FRANK, THE
REAPER, WOULD BE
A PERFECT VICTIM.

KILL IT!
BEFORE IT
BONDS TO
REAPER!

EDDIE MUST LIVE! REDEEMER KNOWS
THAT FACT IS VITAL TO EVERYONE
STANDING IN THIS ROOM, FOR HE
HAS A SENSE OF WHAT IS TO COME.



FOR REAPER HAS A
DESTINY TO SAVE
THE LIVES OF THOSE
REDEEMER CANNOT.



BUT FIRST, EDDIE FRANK
HAS TO LIVE!

KOW

MIRACULOUSLY, PLAGUE SPAWN IS
SUDDENLY DROPPED TO HIS KNEES
AND STUNNED UNCONSCIOUS
BEFORE HE GETS TEN FEET!





HE REMOVES HIS MASK.

MY NAME IS SERGEI MEDVEDEV. THE ORIGINAL SOUL CRUSHER, HE WORKED WITH BLACK FLAG TRYING TO EXTRACT YOUR SYMBIOTES FROM YOU.

WE'RE WASTING TIME.

HIS WEAPON'S DOWN. LET'S HEAR THEM OUT.

THE OTHER SOUL CRUSHER, FOR YEARS, HE TRAINED US. WE HEARD HIM TALK ABOUT ALL OF YOU.

THINKING YOU WERE EARTH'S ENEMIES, NOT THOSE YOU FIGHT.

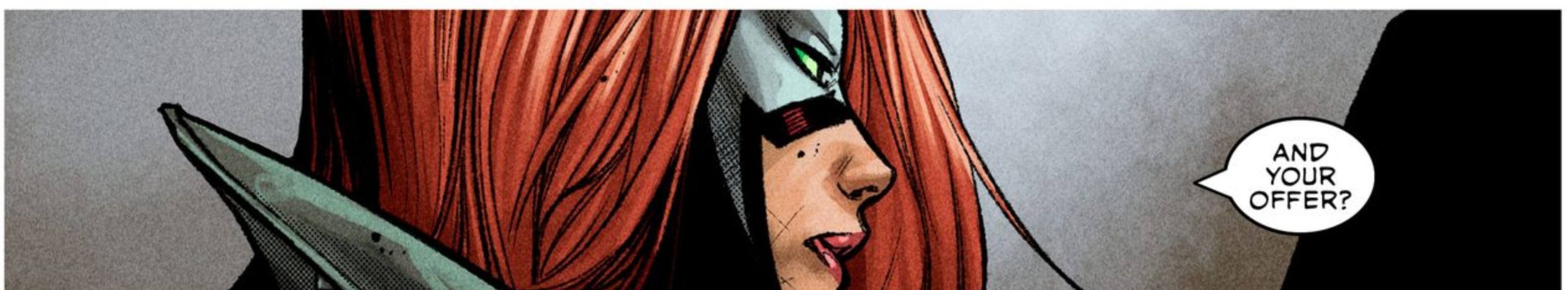


HEARD THE PARTNERS HE HAD AND THE DEALS HE MADE. YOU'RE RIGHT, THEY WANTED TO DESTROY YOU. WE DON'T.

WE'D RATHER GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT INSTEAD.

INSTEAD OF FIGHTING, WHY DON'T WE HELP EACH OTHER?

BECAUSE OTHERS ARE BUILDING MACHINES TO OPEN THE 'DEAD ZONES'...I BELIEVE THEY'LL ACCIDENTALLY BLOW UP THE PLANET, INSTEAD.



AND YOUR OFFER?



HELP ME
SAVE
NATASHA.



AND I'LL
MAKE IT SO NO ONE
ELSE IS EVER A VICTIM OF
THIS VILENESS AGAIN. AND
YOU? YOU GET TO LEAVE HERE.
GO BACK TO YOUR REAL HOMES.
YOUR FAMILIES. WHERE PEOPLE
ARE MISSING YOU. WHERE
THEY NEED YOU.

LEAVE EARTH
TO THE HUMANS. LET
US CONTROL OUR OWN
DESTINIES DEVOID OF
HEAVEN OR HELL'S
INTERFERENCE.



QUESTIONS?

LOTS.
BUT ONE FOR
NOW.

HOW WERE
YOU ABLE TO TAKE
OUT PLAGUE SO
EASILY?

THAT'S
NOT PLAGUE.
IF IT WERE,
WE'D ALL BE
DEAD.



SPAWNING GROUND

MARCH MAILBAG

Is Gunslinger an ongoing series, or is it limited?

Yes! Gunslinger Spawn is planned as an ongoing series.

I've been out of the game a while, though I did pick up Spawn 300 and 301. Are those a good jumping on point? If not, what issue should I begin with, while I gather the older collections to catch up?

-NATE

If you are looking to start catching up with the single issues, Spawn #296 is a great place to start.

Does "King Spawn" feature the Gunslinger?

-CISCO

At the moment, no. But there could certainly be a reason for him to appear in the book in the future. Gunslinger is currently appearing in his own book, Gunslinger Spawn as well as being part of the team in Scorched.

I'm a reader from Germany. Are you going to expand the Spawn files? I think more statistics would be great, like the individual characteristics (height, weight, age, etc) of each Spawn.

Also, will Monolith and Omega Spawn return? The thing that makes them interesting is that they are unusually huge and as far as I can tell, Spawns are largely human-sized. So what are they? Giants? Mutants?

-JENS

Expanding the Spawn Files is a good idea, maybe I'll look into that!.

Does anyone really stay dead in comics? Yes, their look and size certainly set them apart from other Spawns. There might be something to them that hasn't been revealed yet.

Todd! Other than you, who was your favorite Spawn artist?

-CRISSY

We've had lots of incredible artists work on the books over the years, but if I HAD to choose just one it would be Greg Capullo. Not only do I think he is one of the best Spawn artists, I think he is one of the best artists in comics. Period!

What does the Spawn Office look like?

-MEL



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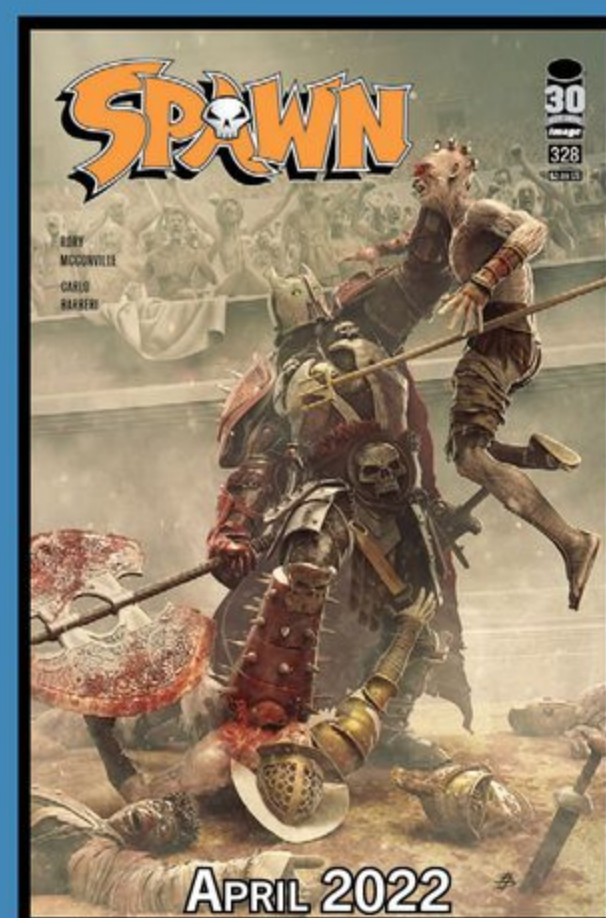
DON'T MISS THESE TITLES:

SPAWN

**KING
SPAWN**

**THE
SCORCHED**

GUNSLINGER
S P A W N



ONGOING NOW!

VELVET DEADLY CLASS *ROYAL CITY*
LAZARUS **EAST OF WEST** I KILL GIANTS
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
KING CITY *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILL OR BE KILLED **CURSE WORDS** *RATQUEENS*

SOUTHERN BASTARDS **SPAWN** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE **BLUE MONDAY**

MONSTRESS **CHEW** *KINGSMAN*
NOWHERE MEN

HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY

DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS*

OCTOPUS PIE WYTCHEs *SHUTTER*

TOKYO GHOST THE BLACK MONDAY MURDERS **BITCH PLANET**

SAGA *MOTOR CRUSH* **WAYWARD** *TREES*
THE AUTUMNLANDS

CRIMINAL **PLUTONA** *LOW*

REVIVAL **NAILBITER**

CAMP MIDNIGHT

SNOTGIRL **ODDLY NORMAL**

MAGE *HINGES*

BLACK SCIENCE

PRETTY DEADLY

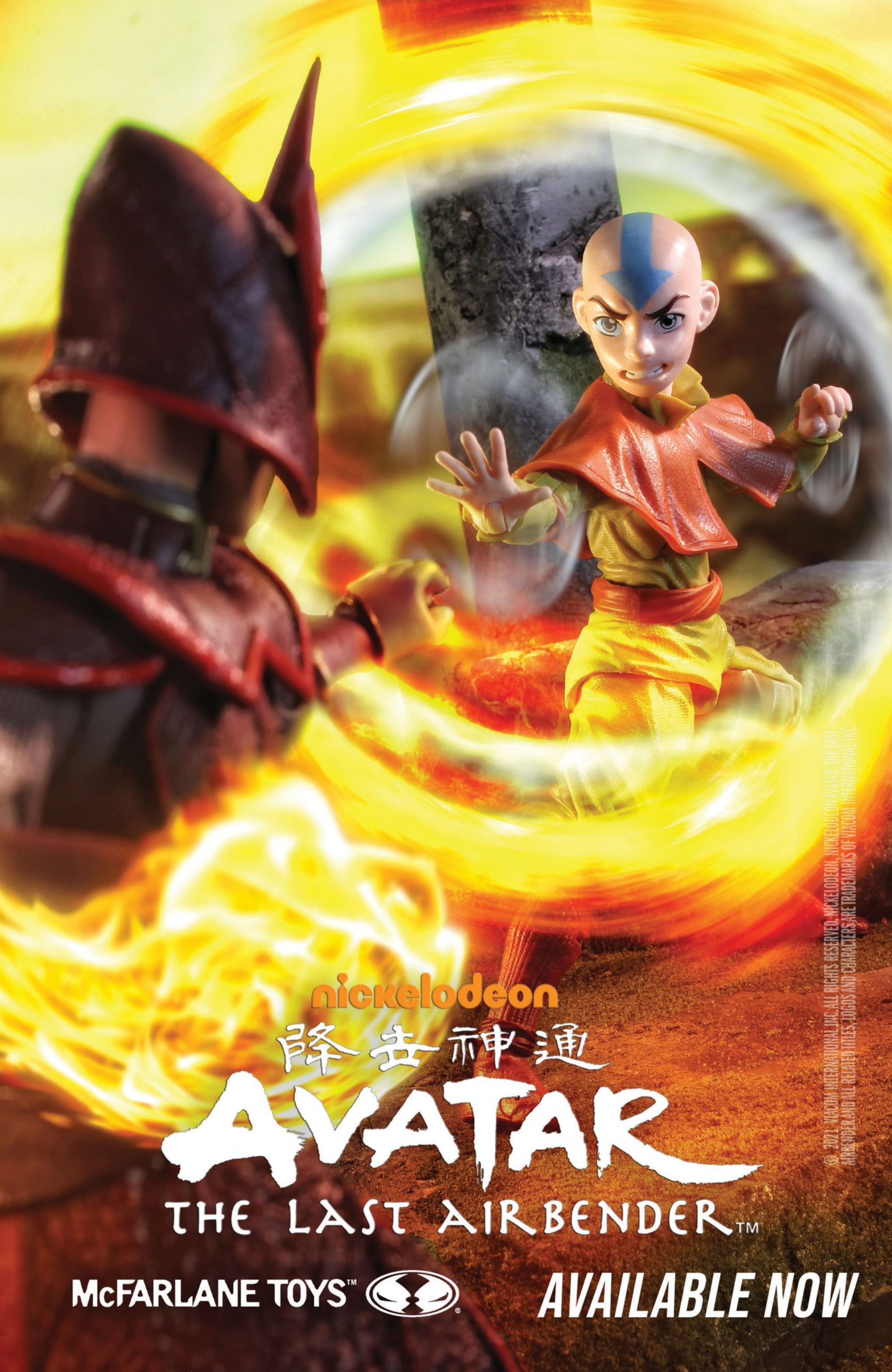
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